

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3 stand rejected, and claims 4-8 have been withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner has indicated allowance of claims 9-37. With this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-8, thus placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the features of claims 1-8 in a continuing application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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